

House Resolution No. 1850

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a rare milestone in the lives of an exemplary Show-Me State married couple, Bill and Louise Ratican of Marionville; and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 15, 2003, Bill and Louise Ratican gathered together with friends, neighbors, and relatives to celebrate in the sacred confines of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Aurora the Sixtieth Anniversary of their marriage; and

Whereas, an impressive six decades ago, Bill Ratican took the hand of the lovely Louise Munday as the two pledged their troth to each other in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, since that wonderful day, Bill Ratican has distinguished himself in society as an attorney who practiced for more than forty years before retiring, a Lieutenant Commander in the 208th National Guard Engineer Battalion, an Aurora "Man of the Year", a holder of the prestigious Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Aurora Community Hospital Board, a member of The Missouri Bar and its Board of Governors, and a golfer; and

Whereas, Louise Ratican has likewise earned honors and accolades for her twenty-five-year-long service as Treasurer of the Aurora Community Hospital Auxiliary and for her thirty years of service as an organist at church; and

Whereas, esteemed, devout members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Aurora, Bill and Louise Ratican are justifiably proud to be known as the loving parents of a son, the late Dennis Ratican, and a daughter, Mary Sturdevant; and

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives believe that it is truly right and proper to recognize two citizens who have demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love for one another through the longevity of their marriage:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Sixtieth Anniversary of the marriage of Bill and Louise Ratican and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of the exceptional example they have set by their faithful, loving lives and our sincerest best wishes for many more years of wedded bliss to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ratican of Marionville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1850, adopted April 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker